# Punishment 35 Heart and Mind

THE DAY I WAS FIRST SUMMONED BY MY CARD.
I REMEMBER LIKE IT WAS YESTERDAY,
I will obey your every command...
REGARDLESS OF WHO SUMMONED ME AT THE TIME,
I KNEW I WAS TO OFFER MYSELF TO HER UNEQUIVOCALLY, UNQUESTIONINGLY, AS A KNIGHT...
AND YET...

WHEN I LOOKED INTO THE MOST DAZZLING EYES I HAD EVER SEEN,
THE ATTRACTION WAS UNDENIABLE.
THE WORLD I LIVED IN CHANGED AFTER THAT DAY.
WE'VE LAUGHED TOGETHER, AND CRIED TOGETHER...
AT TIMES, WE'VE BEEN SCOLDED FOR THE THINGS WE'VE DONE TOGETHER.
AND THROUGH IT ALL, I'VE AFFIRMED TIME AND AGAIN...
I'M TRULY GLAD THAT YOU WERE MY FATE.

ANIS-SAMA
KRRACK!
'Fraid that means I can't hold back on ya anymore, kiddo.
Aww, shucks... I didn't mean to do that. Gray must be makin' tons'a those blood balls'a his...
HUFF
HUFF

CRIK
CRIK
PLIK
Look, you've sucked up enough'a my time already. I just wanna talk to Anis for a while,
So would ya mind gettin' outta my way?
As a matter of fact, I would!
TUKU
The stupid elevator's out of order... Come on... I know there's gotta be...
!
Ugh! Damn it!
CLICK! CLICK!
CLICK!

DASH!
Oh, well! I'll take what I can get!
THE FIRE ESCAPE.
ALL I HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IS GETTING UP TO THE TOP!
...Err, maybe that's kind of an inappropriate thing to say at the moment.
I should totally come here the next time I go on a diet.
GULP
...Knew it.
TH-THUMP
THE BLOOD'S BEING DRAINED FROM MY BODY FASTER AND FASTER.
TH-THUMP

MY KNIGHTS ARE FIGHTING FOR THEIR LIVES RIGHT NOW.
THE FASTER I RUN, THE SOONER I CAN GET THEM OUT OF HARM'S WAY!!
WHOOM
JERK
GUH ...
AGH!

GRAB
KAEDE-KUN!!
'M alright... Just lost my balance...
...GUH!
HAAH
BLURB
You've taken on as much of the substitution spell as your body can handle...
I-I-I-

WE'VE USED THE LAST OF OUR MAGIC.
SLASH
CRICK
I'll give you one last chance to change your mind...
Guess...
CRICK
and I will swear to spare the other knights' bodies...
BLURP
BLURP
ZWOOM
Swear you'll help me destroy the Demon's seal,

But they will live on as puppets ...
MEMBERS OF MY OWN, PERSONAL, ZOMBIE HORDE!!
SNAP
CRAK
I'LL RIP OFF YOUR ARMS AND LEGS, JUST TO MAKE SURE!
And you will never, ever betray me again, Quess...
HA
HA
HA
KA
YOCTEAU

NO... HE NO LONGER EXISTS...
MY KIND, SWEET BROTHER——————
WAS MURDERED
BY MY OWN HANDS.
SKRRASH!
NO... THAT IS NOT HIM.

But me? I got artificial magic backin' me up.
You think you can compete against that?
WOOSH
...Look, I respect ya for tryin' to put up a fight without usin' up Anis's blood, I really do.
But that's just it. You ain't the fightin' type.
HUFF
Tell me...
I'M AN ARTIFICIAL CREATION.
SO IT COULD BE SAID, IN A WAY, THAT MY VERY EXISTENCE IS FAKE.
I WASN'T BORN INTO THIS WORLD.
What are you using that fake magic to fight for?

HUFF
BUT ONCE I MET ANIS-SAMA,
SOMETHING NEW WAS BORN.
LAUGHTER BUBBLING INSIDE OF ME.
THE DESIRE TO SIMPLY "BE" WITH YOU.
TEARS WELLING UP IN MY EYES.
SUDDENLY, I KNEW WHAT IT WAS TO FEEL EMOTION.

A HEART,
BORN WITHIN ME
HAD BEGUN TO BEAT
What really matters...
It's what's inside that matters.
...Isn't how real or fake something is.

You've changed a lot since I last saw ya, Huh?
Y'know, ya keep goin' at this rate, you're gonna end up killin' yourself.
Wrong!
WHAT MATTERS IS THE STRENGTH OF YOUR CONVICTION!!
KA-BOOM!
I may be broken to pieces,
But I will not die!

I MADE A PROMISE...
....WITH ANIS-SAMA...
I CAN'T... GO ON...
EVEN THOUGH I FEEL LIKE I'M ALREADY HALFWAY THERE...
I CAN'T LIFT MY LEGS ANYMORE...
I DOUBT I HAVE MORE BLOOD THAN ANYONE ELSE.
I'M JUST A NORMAL GIRL, AFTER ALL.
WELL... I GUESS IT MAKES SENSE.

Rose Princess...
BUT I WAS KIND OF HOPING I COULD AT LEAST HAVE HANDLED SOMETHING... AS SIMPLE AS THIS...
Rose princess...
FWOO
HUH? THIS SCENT...?
SIGH...
.....!?

Yakoh...
OH MY GAWD, YOU'RE A GHOST!?
I-
I AM NOT! SEE? I HAVE LEGS!

My consciousness is trapped inside a contraption on the top floor of this tower.
I can communicate with you now, since you're so close...
But look at you...
You've pushed yourself harder than you ever should have, Rose Princess...
I'm sorry...
I'm so sorry.
You've done more than enough... You can stop now.

Rose Princess !?
Do you seriously think .
you can say that to me...
AND I'D TURN AROUND AND WALK RIGHT BACK OUT THE WAY I CAME?
TMP
WHAT AM I DOING?
Now get your stupid sexy face away from me!
Um?
Umm?
ESPECIALLY NOT COMING FROM SOME FRIGGIN' IDOL!
What girl would?
AND NO MATTER HOW MUCH IT SCARED HER...
ELLA DID, TOO.
MY KNIGHTS, IDEL... AND YAKOH.
EVERYONE'S FIGHTING RIGHT NOW.
HUFF

I'LL BE DAMNED IF I'M GOING TO LET SOME STAIRS SLOW ME DOWN!!
SWOOP
I'M NOT GOIN' DOWN HERE... NOT TODAY, NOT WITHOUT A FIGHT!
NOT WHILE ANIS...
ANIS...
YOCTEAU!
SNAP SNAP
10.

ANIS-
SAMA:::
HUFF
HUFF
IS STILL
RUNNING.
BAM

WRRM
THIS IS IT
WOBBLE
THIS IS...
...I made it...
THE TOP FLOOR, RIGHT...?
WRRM
THIS IS THE MACHINE THAT'S RUNNING THE BARRIER...
This is the contraption, Rose Princess...
TURN
But first things first. Are you ready to shut this down?
You know how to work this thing, Yakoh!?
The Silver Rose isn't here... That I know of.
What about Papa? Is he gone, too?
I'm kinda surprised the Silver Rose isn't here...

It's ready..!
Rose Princess!
Give it the command,
Let's just say Idel would never let me hear the end of it if I spent all my time asleep.
DOOOWN!
ALL SYSTEMS! SHUT...
VRRRM...

NOW.
POP
YOCTEALI'S POWERS ARE FINISHED...
SPLUT
SPLAT

Are you going to kill me again?
You are already nothing more than a walking nightmare...
LUNGE
SHUT UP...!
Guess... My only brother...
Mutsuki... This time

This time, you have us.
HUFF
HUFF

LURCH
You...
Hah...!
Now... you finally come back... to your senses...
Qu... ess...?
!
...great lummox...
SLUMP
Though it took everything in your power to do so...
But you.... You brought me back, didn't you?
I was taken by the Demon Lord's miasma and driven mad...
It's clear to me now...
PLISH

KLAK
Soon, I shall return to the ash from whence we came... But before then,
I must take care that you, my brother, will not be afflicted by the Demon Lord's seal as I have been...
So sleep, now,
Quess ...

Listen to me.
You, as the Black Rose, must claim the Rose Princess...
No...
Claim your love... And...
Yoc...?

Sleep well...
AND GOODBYE...
My beloved...
KOFF...
And be happy... You must promise me this....

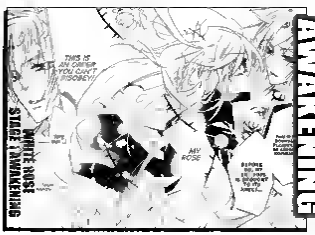
THIS MEMORY...
GASP
At last...
I've found them...
The memories I've been searching for...
The love I'd lost...
END

KISS OF ROSE PRINCESS

# SHOUBI ACADEMY STUDENT COUNCIL

## SPECIAL REPORT

Hello and good day to you all readers! ☆ I hope this day finds you in good spirits. Once again, it is my pleasure to present to you the Student Council's Special Report, wherein I shall regale you with tales of my limitless love for the Lady. I'm sorry? What do you mean I'm mistaken? Then what I ask you, WHAT am I to regale you with tales of!?



Anzu and four Knights

### "True Contract" Theater

**What Are The True Contracts?**

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|---|---|---|
| Level 1 | True | Stage 1 Awakening |
| Level 2 | Renewed | Stage 2 Awakening |
| Level 3 | Zero | Stage 3 Awakening |
| Final Level | | Engage (Blood Marriage) |

Today I shall explain the specifics of the contract binding we four Knights to the Lady Anis (monotone). Personally I would like nothing more than to share with the world my love for the Lady but Sorry? Oh no I wasn't saying anything. Ahem.

We four Knights are bound through a certain contract to the Lady Anis. There are four possible stages to this contract, from the lowest stage one to the highest final stage, each made attainable by reaching an Awakening of sorts with the Lady Anis. But of course, who of the four Knights should reach the first stage Awakening but yours truly Mitsuru Tenjoh! Whether it be judged by the depth of my love for Lady Anis the breadth of my staggering popularity, and the strength of my stunning good looks 'twas an honor most justly deserved!!

But no! Oh no... Kaede the very last of us to attain his First Awakening completely shoved me by the wayside and reached his second Awakening in one fell swoop! Honestly I've no idea what Lady Anis could be thinking. Why she has me. Simply unforgiveable! The truth is nothing less than abhorrent. Therefore I swear now! The first to ascend that final glorious stairway to the final Awakening shall be me! Friends, I urge you now! Cast your votes for Mitsuru Tenjoh! Mitsuru Tenjoh I say!!

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**Feature Suggestion Committee**

As the name implies, this corner is dedicated to selecting which features you, the readers, would like to see. If you have a suggestion for any feature at all, please send it my way and I will present it before the rest of the student council for consideration.

I'm sure we can all agree that Mutsuki is not endowed with the most endearing personality traits yet for some inexplicable reason he seems quite popular. I cannot see the draw myself but think of a line that might suit his cold expression here.

**The Dubbing Committee**

For this feature, I will provide an image and you, the readers will create your own lines to replace the ones originally spoken. For the next challenge, here is a picture of Mutsuki. Think of something you'd like him to say or perhaps what you would like him to say to you!

Once again I would like to share with you a scene from the personal museum of my heart. It is, of course, the scene in Punishment where I declare my love for the Lady Anis! I feel the greatest pleasure in— (Cut for content)

**Museum of the Heart**

Share with me the scenes from "BaraKiss" which hold a place of honor in the museum of your heart! It would be most helpful if you would include the Punishment number and the lines from the scene in question. Feel free to submit your own artwork as well, of course.

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Hello again dear readers. I hope you enjoyed this installment of the Student Council Special Report. In the segment of Divine Words from Tengoku I would like to share with you... Pardon? We have another guest?

Hey. I'm Kaede Higa. How you doin'.

You don't seem very excited...

Hey, don't blame me. I don't have anything to talk about.

It's alright, Kaede, I'm here too.

Ah, you'll be joining us as well, Seiran-kun! Oh? And is that Mutsuki I spy with you?

So all four Knights are together!

What a great idea! This makes it much easier for us to communicate with the readers!

Yeah, it does. You guys should try sending in some requests. We'll do pretty much anything.

We'd like to stop by and talk every once in a while, too.

Of course. You see, that is why I, Mitsuru Tenjoh, have taken it upon myself to...

(Not listening) We'd like to hear from all of you out there if you have anything you'd like to say. Anis-sama would love to hear from you as well, of course.

A-As moderator of this forum, that is my job to handle! Tell them, Mutsuki.

Ohhh! (sobs)

**DIVINE WORDS FROM TENGOKU**

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